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**ENTROPY CODING BY ADAPTING CODING BETWEEN LEVEL AND RUN-
LENGTH/LEVEL MODES**

ABSTRACT

An audio encoder performs adaptive entropy encoding of audio data. For
5 example, an audio encoder switches between variable dimension vector Huffman
coding of direct levels of quantized audio data and run-level coding of run lengths and
levels of quantized audio data. The encoder can use, for example, context-based
arithmetic coding for coding run lengths and levels. The encoder can determine when
to switch between coding modes by counting consecutive coefficients having a
10 predominant value (e.g., zero). An audio decoder performs corresponding adaptive
entropy decoding.